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FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 8885 ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS
DATED JUN 15:

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: JAPANESE PRESS REACTION TO USCAB ACTION AGAINST
JAL OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS

REF: STATE 137953

1. JUNE 15 EVENING EDITION OF NIHON KEIZAI CARRIES FRONT
PAGE HEADLINE ARTICLE STATING THAT JAL'S OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS
TO THE U.S. FROM HANEDA WILL BE COMPLETELY BANNED FROM
JUNE 15. ARTICLE, ATTRIBUTED TO A "GOVERNMENT SOURCE,"
SAYS USCAB "SENT THIS NOTIFICATION SUDDENLY ON THE SAME
DAY" AND STATES THAT "WITH THE THIRD ROUND OF THE
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NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE REVISION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN CIVIL
AVIATION AGREEMENT IN JULY NEAR AT HAND, THE TRANSPORTATION
MINISTRY PLANS TO HASTEN THE FORMULATION OF MEASURES TO
COPE WITH THIS STRONG U.S. POSTURE." ARTICLE THEN GOES
ON TO DESCRIBE RATHER ACCURATELY REASON FOR U.S. ACTION;
I.E., INABILITY OF U.S. CHARTER OPERATORS TO SECURE LANDINGS
AT HANEDA AIRPORT.

2. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT U.S. HAS SAID IT CANNOT HOLD REVISION NEGOTIATIONS IN JULY "AS LONG AS THE JAPANESE SIDE DOES NOT SHOW A FORWARD-LOOKING ATTITUDE" ON CERTAIN POINTS. THE ARTICLE THEN CITES "PAN AMERICAN'S OPENING OF THE HONOLULU-OSAKA ROUTE" AS ONE OF THE POINTS LISTED BY THE U.S. TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE JULY.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT SURPRISED BY REPORT THAT MOT (JCAB) IS FORMULATING MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION. THEIR REACTION COULD ENCOMPASS RETALIATORY ACTION BY JCAB AGAINST OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS BY U.S. CARRIERS HERE AS INDICATED BY JCAB'S YAMADA IN MARCH 16 DISCUSSION (TOKYO 3740). WE ARE DISTURBED, HOWEVER, BY PRESS MENTION, FOR FIRST TIME, OF PAN AM'S PROPOSED HONOLULU-OSAKA SERVICE SINCE THIS PUBLICITY MAY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO WORK OUT TEMPORARY OSAKA SERVICE PROBLEM QUIETLY. END COMMENT.

4. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE POUCHED EB/OA/AN. OFFICIAL GOJ REACTION WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN RECEIVED. MANSFIELD UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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